

REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 2-4 and 23 have been cancelled. The limitations of claims 2-4 have been incorporated into claim 1 and the limitations of claim 23 have been incorporated into claim 10. In addition, the invention has been further defined by independent claims 1 and 10 to better illustrate the novelty of the present invention.

Claims 1 and 10 have been amended to recite that the present invention includes integrity checking of the service at run-time, without testing the service. This feature is necessary due to the environment in which the present invention operates. Contrary to the cited prior art, the present system and method are directed to an application that creates a service that operates on a platform that is not owned (i.e., controlled) by the person that created the service. Since the service needs to be available for execution immediately, it cannot be checked or tested by the platform operator prior to its execution, therefore, the integrity of the service becomes of paramount importance. As amended, claims 1 and 10 recite these features.

The rejections over Coco and Halstead are moot in view of the amendments presented herein. Each of these references addresses integrity checking in a manner that relates to data integrity, not service integrity. Moreover, these references teach a manner of integrity checking on a platform that is under the control, i.e., owned, by the person who created the service or application.

Specifically, claims 1 and 10 both now require integrity checking of the service prior to operating a service and doing so without checking the service prior to run-time on platform that is not owned by the person who created the service. These features are not taught, disclosed, or suggested by the references, taken alone or in combination, as none of the cited references discloses a system or method for integrity checking a service that may be created by a party in a hostile manner. The present invention, unlike the systems disclosed in the references, does not provide for quality assurance review of the service prior to deployment, to avoid the deployment

of a third-party service that may be hostile to the operator of the platform. As such, the features of the present invention, as claimed, are not described in the references.

For these reasons, all claims are in condition for allowance and a notice thereof is earnestly solicited.

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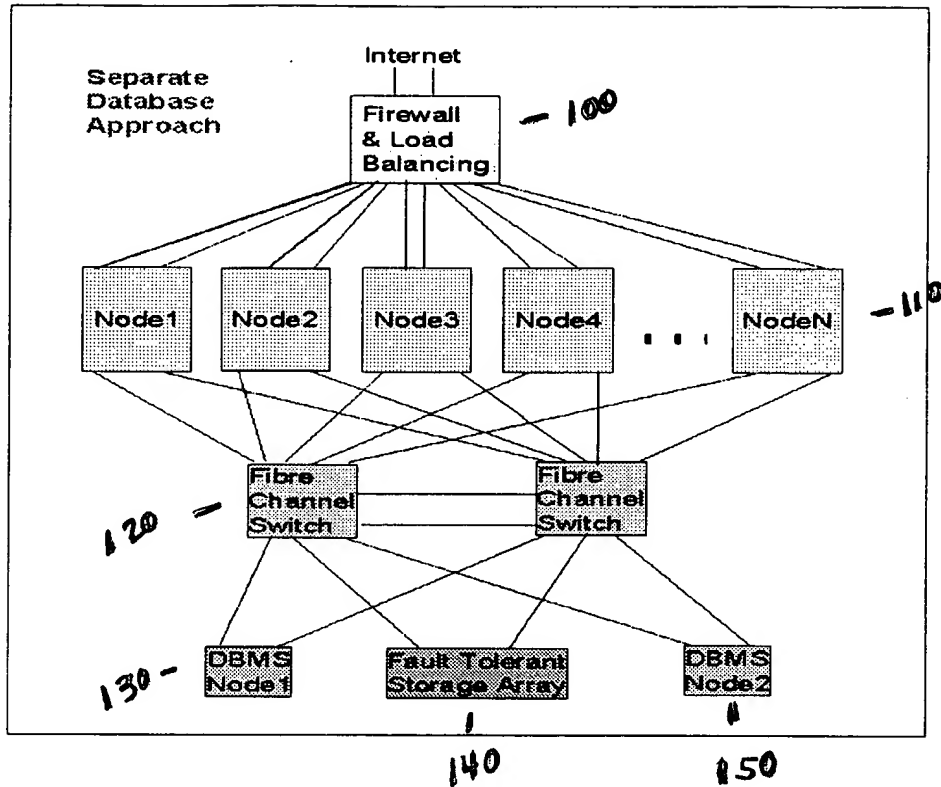


Figure 1



Configuration Process

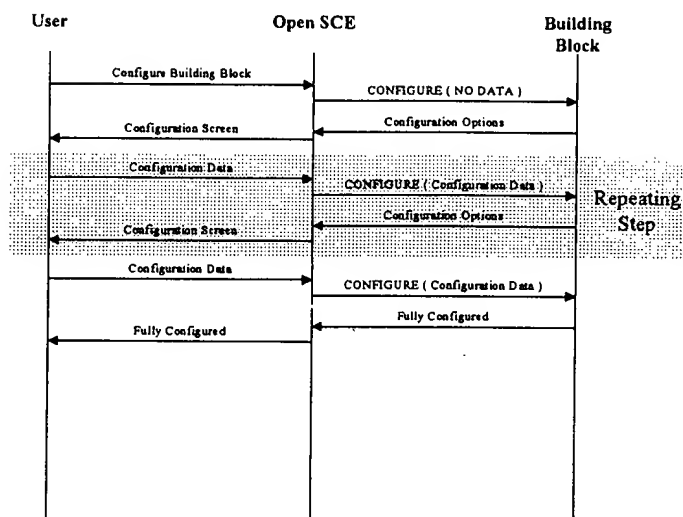


Figure 3



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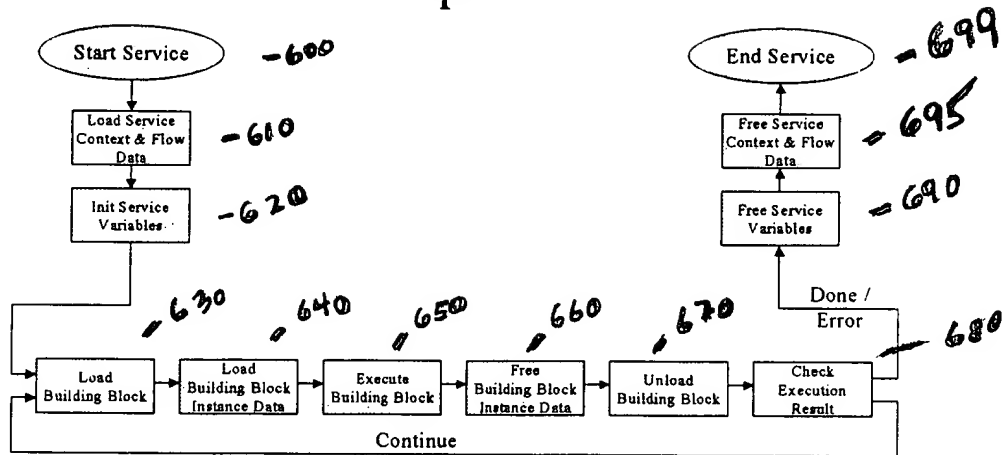


Figure 6